WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image processing method which is used to confirm a layout when an image is formed onto a recording medium on the basis of an application, comprising:

an image forming step of forming the image based on said application; and

a display control step of controlling a process for displaying said image so that a portion corresponding to an inside of said recording medium of the image formed in said image forming step and a portion corresponding to an outside of said recording medium can be discriminated.

2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising a discriminating step of discriminating, by discriminating means, whether a first mode of forming the image onto a first recording medium having a shape which is matched with a layout corresponding to a general application has been set or a second mode of forming the image onto a second recording medium having a shape which is mismatched with the layout corresponding to said general application has been set,

and wherein if it is determined in said discriminating step that said second mode has been set, said display control step is executed.

3. A method according to claim 1, further comprising a recognizing step of recognizing a size of said recording medium as a type of said recording medium in accordance with contents of an instruction from a user,

and wherein said display control step is controlled in accordance with the type of said recording medium recognized in said recognizing step.

4. A method according to claim 1, further comprising a recognizing step of automatically recognizing a type of said recording medium,

and wherein said display control step is controlled in accordance with the type of said recording medium recognized in said recognizing step.

5. A method according to claim 2, further comprising a selecting step of selecting, by selecting means, whether said display control step is executed or not,

and wherein if it is determined by said discriminating step that said second mode has been set and if it is selected by said selecting step that said display control step is executed, said display control step is executed.

6. A method according to claim 1, wherein

said image processing method is a method which is used to display a print preview of print data formed by an arbitrary application before said print data is print-processed, and

in said display control step, in the case of print-outputting said print data onto said recording medium in a disk shape including a CD or a DVD, a process for displaying said image so that a difference between a portion which is printed onto said disk-shaped recording medium and a portion which is printed to an outside of said disk-shaped recording medium can be visually discriminated.

7. An image processing apparatus comprising:

image forming means for forming an image which is formed onto a recording medium on the basis of an application; and

display control means for controlling a process for displaying said image so that a portion corresponding to an inside of said recording medium of the image formed by said image forming means and a portion corresponding to an outside of said recording medium can be discriminated.

8. An apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising discriminating means for discriminating whether a first mode of forming the image onto a

first recording medium having a shape which is matched with a layout corresponding to a general application has been set or a second mode of forming the image onto a second recording medium having a shape which is mismatched with the layout corresponding to said general application has been set,

and wherein if it is determined by said discriminating means that said second mode has been set, said display control means controls said displaying process.

9. An apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising recognizing means for recognizing a size of said recording medium as a type of said recording medium in accordance with contents of an instruction from a user,

and wherein said display control means is controlled in accordance with the type of said recording medium recognized by said recognizing means.

10. An apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising recognizing means for automatically recognizing a type of said recording medium,

and wherein said display control means is controlled in accordance with the type of said recording medium recognized by said recognizing means.

11. An apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising selecting means which can select whether said display control means is made operative or not, and wherein if it is determined by said discriminating means that said second mode has been set and if it is selected by said selecting means that said display control means is made operative, said display control means controls said displaying process.

12. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein before print data formed by an arbitrary application is print-processed, said display control means controls a process for displaying a print preview of said print data, and in the case of print-outputting said print data onto said recording medium in a disk shape including a CD or a DVD, said display control means controls a process for displaying said image so that a difference between a portion which is printed onto said disk-shaped recording medium and a portion which is printed to an outside of said disk-shaped recording medium can be visually discriminated.

13. A computer-readable memory medium which stores a program for allowing a computer to execute an image processing method which is used to confirm a layout when an image is formed onto a recording

medium on the basis of an application, wherein said program comprises:

an image forming step of forming the image based on said application; and

a display control step of controlling a process for displaying said image so that a portion arranged to an inside of an image forming area of said recording medium of the image formed in said image forming step and a portion arranged to an outside of said image forming area can be discriminated.